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THE CHRONICLE IS NO QUITTER

You can have respect for a failure, but not a quitter. This is true of persons and newspapers. Some newspapers live on for hundreds of years. Some last for only a few weeks.

The Crossfield Chronicle commenced publication first in 1907 by a Mr. Whitfield who operated a printing shop until his death here about 1926. Then W. H. Miller, who made a fine success of it took it over and later progressed to the bigger towns of Olds and published the Olds Gazette. Others, including Wall Brothers, C. H. Marshal, and Ivan Hambley have all taken turns at printing and publishing the Chronicle. In 1944 the paper was suspended. Later the plant was shipped out of town and presumably junked.

Public spirited citizens such as Wm. Laut and T. Tredaway studied the problem and arrangements were made for Harry May to publish the paper with the printing being done elsewhere.

After ten months of this, Mr. May found that too much time was being taken from his regular work and again the paper had to be suspended, at the end of 1948.

In April, Community Publications of Edmonton took up the threads of publication of the Chronicle and notwithstanding a few difficulties, such as a two-months' illness of the publisher, difficulties in getting a good volume of local news, etc., have managed to publish a paper each and every week.

Quite a few former subscribers had paid-up subscriptions in advance on one, two or three occasions when the paper was suspended. Although the new publisher, T. W. Pue, is not legally bound to supply the unexpired portions of these subscribers' subscriptions, he is doing this. Wherever it is found that a former subscriber is entitled to additional subscription time, his or her name is now being added to the list to ensure that they get all they have paid for in subscription money.

This gives the Chronicle a circulation of about 300 copies weekly, a creditable showing for a paper published in a town of the size of Crossfield.

Now that the paper has been re-established on a sound basis, we hope readers will respond with news of their district, and subscription renewals when these come due. Harry May is official subscription representative for Crossfield, as well as Margaret Vetter, local editor. Subscriptions may also be renewed at the post offices in Crossfield, Madden, Dog Pound and Airdrie.

Readers who want to see the Chronicle kept on a healthy basis should remember that the high costs of printing the paper are paid by revenue received from local merchants who advertise in the paper. We earnestly ask you to patronize the merchants whose sales messages you see week by week in the Crossfield Chronicle.

7 p.m.
Young People's each Friday at 8 p.m.
Services each Sunday—
UNITED CHURCH
Sunday School at 11 a.m. each Sunday.
Evening Service at 7:30 p.m.

was invited to the Masonic hall where light refreshments were served. Mrs. Mae Fox on behalf of the Rebekahs and President T. Bland for the Legion, thanked the Oddfellows for their hospitality.

Decoration Day

CROSSFIELD.—A fair crowd gathered at the Crossfield cemetery on Sunday last for the annual observance of decorating the graves with flowers. Considering that this has been a very poor year for garden flowers quite a nice assortment was to be seen.

Bircham Man Now A-P Buyer

CROSSFIELD.—The Alberta Pacific Grain Company has appointed Walter Wilson, formerly of Beiseker and Bircham, as temporary grain buyer here.

He will be relieving Mr. B. F. Kiernan, who due to recent sickness and ill health is obliged to give up some of his work. For the time being Mr. Kiernan will carry on with his Imperial Oil agency, and we understand will later resume full grain elevator duties if his health permits.

Mr. Wilson is an RCAF veteran who served overseas. With Mrs. Wilson and two children, Brian and Penny, they take up residence in the A.P. house opposite the Masonic hall.

Mr. Kiernan has been agent here since 1944. Prior to coming here he served the company at Drumheller, Loughed and Lloyd-



A LESSON IN SEAMANSHIP is given a group of five boys of the party of 50 British boys who are in Canada for a four-week tour sponsored by W. Garfield Weston, prominent Canadian industrialist and a former member of the British House of Commons. Their instructor, showing the boys the workings of the ship's telegraph, is Capt. R. B. Grant, master of the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of France, which brought the boys to this country.

CROSSFIELD NEWS

CROSSFIELD.—Hot dry weather still prevails throughout this crop district and some spots are beginning to show signs of burning. A few fields have been swathed but it will be another week or more before harvest is general.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bannister and sons Keith and Neil left on Tuesday and hope to spend the next two weeks travelling through the western States.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilson and family from Bircham, have moved into the Alberta Pacific Grain Company house and Walter will be in charge of that company's elevator for the time being. B. F. (Bud) Kiernan having been granted a leave of absence.

Mrs. Toddie (Pat) Bills acted as relief in the post office while the staff took their annual holidays.

Gerald Hurt is in charge of the Bannister Electric store while the Bannisters are on holiday.

Jack Lunan, our general bank manager, is on the sick list with a bad boil on his neck. He spent a few days in the hospital getting this sore spot drained and also having a general check-up.

Mrs. J. McIntosh and Mrs. A. Whitlow and girls were Crossfield visitors the other day. Mrs. Whitlow and girls were on their way to Big Prairie where they will visit with Mrs. Whitlow's mother, Mrs. Oniel and her sister, Mrs. Young.

Barbara Bills and Marjery Banta arrived home last week from camp at Sylvan Lake. spend a few days at Saskatoon, spend a few days at Saskatoon, Sask.

Mrs. Mary Fadden was an Edmonton visitor last week-end.

Mrs. Valasek and Carol High are spending two weeks at Nordege, visiting friends.

Jim Rowatt left Tuesday for

Blood Donor Clinic

CROSSFIELD.—Only about 80 people turned up for the blood donor clinic under the auspices of the Canadian Red Cross, although half as many more had promised to be there. If the public would realize that they need at least 1300 bottles of blood each month to maintain this service to the hospitals in southern Alberta alone, they would understand how necessary it is that it receives all the support it can get.

A letter from the "Donor Panel Organizer" for southern Alberta extends a very sincere thank you to all who helped in any way with this clinic, explaining how impossible it would be to write to every one, but expressing their gratitude for the keen interest and support given this service by the people of Crossfield and district.

F.W.U.A. Holds G'mothers' Meeting

CROSSFIELD.—The annual Grandmother's meeting of the F.W.U.A. was held in the United Church parlors with 20 grandmothers present. There were 50 present altogether.

There were three great grandmothers present and they each received a little gift from the local. Mrs. Annie Smyth of Calgary was the oldest grandmother present so she received a big red rose. The Carstairs local were the guests of our local with 13 members attending.

Every second Canadian home has a car, and more than three out of four have radios.

Saskatoon, Sask., where he will spend a few days.

Mrs. Oniel of Big Prairie returned home from Entrenchment, Alta., where she has been visiting her brother Pat Smyth, for the past month.

Grain Club Holds Tour

CROSSFIELD.—On Wednesday Aug. 10 the Thatcher Grain Club held their tour of the 29 grain plots. These plots were found to be kept up very well considering the weather condition.

In the afternoon Mr. Hugh McPhail, district agriculturist of Olds, and Mrs. R. B. Stirling took the club members and their fathers to the field day held at Mr. Victor Watson's of Airdrie. A very enjoyable time was had by all.

CHURCH SERVICES

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
First and Third Sunday in Each Month
Evening at 7:30 p.m.
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Fifth Sunday—Family Service at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. A. B. Lea, Rector

BAPTIST CHURCH
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Junior Service each Friday at 7 p.m.

Start your West Indies, Central and South American Trip Today!

This week we begin a series of articles on a 15,000-mile journey to the West Indies, Central and South America, written especially by

JACK BIRD, Brandon, Manitoba

for this newspaper. Be sure to take the magic carpet to intriguing and far away places by starting with the opening chapter and following through to the end.

READ THE FIRST INSTALLMENT THIS WEEK!

T. W. FUE, Publisher, L. H. Jenkins, Editor

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WORLD MINIMUM WHEAT PRICE CONCERNS CANADIAN GROWER

Canadian wheat farmers undoubtedly would be richer by many millions of dollars if they had sold during the past few years in a competitive market. All of Canada would like to have the farmer get that benefit. He suffered when the market was glutted and price low; now he should be free to take advantage of scarcity and high price.

Besides, what benefits the wheat farmer helps all of Canada.

Yet the majority of wheat growers apparently still favor sale of wheat on a bulk basis with prices fixed by the federal government by direct negotiation with other governments.

Possibly they remember the lean days with some contriteness. Then \$1 wheat would have seemed a boon.

During the Great Depression, close observers at Ottawa came to the conclusion that there was a cellar price at which wheat could not be grown except at a loss under any circumstances. It was probably more farmers shudder even to mention it, but that price was 70 cents a bushel.

Now production at profit is extremely relative and depends on a great many factors. To use only one example, if present purchasing price of the dollar has decreased to fifty cents, then the farmer would need to get \$1.40 per bushel to avoid operating loss. This is probably untrue either on the average or as a generalization. Yet the 70 cent price was based on the assumption that the farmer was not buying any new machinery, was getting labor, seed and materials at their low points, and that his standard of living was at a minimum. At less than 70 cents, without government subsidy, he would be better off not to sow one seed.

Britain has agreed to buy this year's Canadian crop at \$2.00. At the time this did not appear to be a bargain, but in view of the International Wheat Agreement maximum of \$1.80, perhaps it was. Under the 1948-49 agreement for the same price, Canada was to ship 140,000,000 bushels by last July 31, and this was fully carried out, according to Trade Minister C. D. Howe.

The international agreement, which went into effect the first of this month, is designed to stabilize world markets and supplies. Under it, Canada is the largest exporting country, with an annual share of 203,069,635 bushels of the world allocated market of 454,000,000 bushels.

One of the most pernicious factors in stultifying world wheat trade in pre-war economy was the desire of nearly every country in the world to be "self-sufficient." Basic in this war drive for self-sufficiency was wheat. Countries which had as much right—if there is an agrarian morality—to produce wheat as Canada has to grow opium turned their lands over to production of wheat to meet at least domestic needs.

If the international agreement does nothing else but assure that those countries which can produce the best wheat most economically will be permitted, or much better, practically guaranteed, their rightful share of world markets, it will not only have served a useful purpose but will be well worth seemingly present sacrifice for future gain.

Persons who talk about "a competitive market" forget that a market is not competitive if the efficient producers are barred from competing by tariffs. If government-to-government agreement can assure that this will not occur again, then the majority of wheat growers who favor such a method are implicitly right.

The average wheat farmer has shown mature, but canny, judgment in his estimation of his own best interests.

Many casual observers have thought he should more strongly protest he was getting a raw deal. In trying to ascribe reasons why he has not done so, they guess that he remembers the hard times so well he is grateful for anything he may get now. They do the intelligence of the wheat grower an injustice.

The time of "mining" the land for the western farmer is long past. He is in the wheat business—or at least wheat with mixed farming—to stay; and that means taking into consideration long-term factors. He, even more urgently than the world as a whole, would like to see "stabilized world markets" that will be to know that the future, as well as the present, of that very important business he is in is assured.

For this reason we brought up the 70 cent absolute minimum even under a depression economy. Even more important than the maximum price in the international agreement is recognition of a minimum price. At present the world does not have to be concerned with the minimum but the time will come when it may have to be. Then it should not be revised downward "in the light of existing conditions." It should be the defence line which not only the farmer, but the government which is acting as his agent, should bulwark with subsidies, and only retreat from in the direct of emergencies.

If he had his way, the wheat farmer would not like our sympathy in time of distress nor beg our advice in time of prosperity; but on certain occasions he certainly may need

Confidentially

Finds God in "Little Lighted Chamber Of Mind"

By JAY LLOYD

Confidentially, the most grotesque huge man I've ever seen was Gilbert Chesterton.

He was well over six feet tall. (His measurements are probably a matter of record, if I cared to look it up. Which I don't.) His measurements from stem to stern would be equally impressive.

Also a "big" man in the field of letters, he was usually ranked with George Bernard Shaw and H. G. Wells. Both of these contemporaries he tore to shreds in an interview I had with him a few years before his death. I also remember the city editor tore my interview to bits with even less provocation.

I interviewed Chesterton on two occasions and talked to him on three. The first occasion there was no interview; but I shall never forget those first impressions, even if they were not products of a story.

Quietly had come to town to visit relatives. Quite evidently he was not expecting visitors but he agreed to see me. The first I saw of HIM I thought an elephant was backing through the portiers.

He must have had the prize costume of the time. I thought stomach would never be before a head appeared. It also materialized at an unexpected height and angle, as he had to duck to avoid the door top.

Wearing a pair of baggy flannels and a salt-and-pepper sports jacket, strongly smelling of wine, and generally unkept, he was a disillusioning version of the Chesterton I had visualized from his writings. His grey hair was matted and dandruff and loose hair were sprinkled liberally over his clothes. If I had been required to describe him in a phrase at the time, it would have been "a gigantic mess."

The next time I saw him he was prepared for an interview. He was all prettied up. He was sitting down, for which I was thankful, as standing he made me feel insignificantly small.

No chair in the room would quite encompass all his bulk, and he was perched on the edge of the largest one. On several occasions when he became interested in what he was discussing, and leaned forward, I was expecting any moment he would topple the chair and land on the floor.

During both these meetings I was continually wondering where behind this massive facade hides the scintillating mind of his books. Soon I found it. The small (probably only in a relative sense) deep brown eyes sparkled with intelligence and humor when he became interested in a subject. He found it that night in romanticism and realism; he, of course, being a 20th century champion of the former. He used one memorable phrase: "A little, lighted chamber of the mind where God is."

A Protestant, Chesterton had joined the Roman Catholic Church. I was interested in the temperament and attitude, hot so much which prompted, as sustained, the conversion.

practical help. As a dealer in world markets he needs an agency which may negotiate on a world basis—if it has been proven rather conclusively the individual farmer can't do it. That implies a large segment of the economy giving over to the whole economy (in theory at least) determination of its affairs.

It has danger points unless the people as a whole are ready to concede that when it comes to wheat the voice of the actual wheat grower should prevail. For Canada this is not polite-ness but necessity.

BOOM TOWN '49

By T. W. FUE

What happens when a quiet hamlet of about 30 homes and 150 people becomes a boom town?

Well, in cold statistics, the population jumps within a year to 1,500 with more coming every day.

New streets are blocked out in grain fields north and south of the tracks. The railway sends in a station agent. The post office leans into town and a new, more commodious office with boxes is built. New homes, new stores, shops, offices are built.

Add to these solid facts the equally solid statement that the community is in a continual state of turmoil and you have Redwater, Alberta's only real Boom Town, 1949 style.

NOT A TOWN

Actually, Redwater isn't even a village. Petitions to get a village charter have been promoted by the Board of Trade and chances are that the charter will be granted by January, 1950.

So until then Redwater is wholly part of the Municipal District of Smoky Lake.

The hamlet has two theatres, modern self-serv stores, and a modest up-to-date hotel. Two lumber yards, etc., etc. I could go on quoting statistics on the fastest growing hamlet—but by now undoubtedly the biggest hamlet—in Canada.

But you and I, as mere humans, are now interested in the "human interest" aspect of the situation.

"NO ROOMS"

If I were a sign painter I think could very easily talk the hotel management into letting me paint permanent "NO ROOMS TO RENT" signs on the five new hotel they've built. You can't get a room even by reserving it weeks in advance. Only two rooms are not occupied by permanent guests and when I tried to "check in" found that these two rooms had been held for several days by the same "transients" such as myself.

TOUGH RIDING

As an unorganized hamlet, you can understand that the streets are in poor shape and rough riding.

I think he expressed it in "the little lighted chamber" idea as well as he could ever put it into words. It was his faith. For the Church as an institution, he had a deep affection as well as tolerant wisdom. God began where his intellect stopped, because his intellect led him to God.

When he arose to bid me goodbye, and moved across the room like an animated bell tent, the realms of sublimity in which he had been moving seemed ridiculous—or did they?

Perhaps it was appropriate that this massive representative of the physical should be associated with the spiritual. At least it seems "curious to me that, of all the thousands of persons I've met, he is the only one with whom I automatically immediately associate the ideas of God and Mind."

When you realise how much the Provincial Government is getting out of Alberta, oil you can't imagine why the highway leading to Redwater isn't in better shape. Neither can I—and the Minister won't tell. This all makes for uncomfortable driving to, from, and in Redwater.

OIL BRINGS PEOPLE

Of all the interests in life—the study of people—all kinds of people, is the most entrancing. All kinds of people—neighborhoods of them from Saskatchewan towns and other points, have come to seek employment here, and getting it. Are the few original residents of Redwater happy? Most of them rejoice over the good fortune that has hit their town, but not all.

There is the lady, with the sad, wintry face, who told me that when she and her husband married they moved to Redwater to live a quiet, peaceful life. Then the oil boom struck and their plans for a peaceful future were wrecked.

There is the lady on main street who said she wished she could get away from Redwater. Why? Because its too noisy.

There is the retiring school principal who was convinced that taking a school in Redwater was the equivalent of retiring. He started with one small room and ended the school term with three rooms. Moral: When you retire from teaching school, don't be talked into taking a one-roomed school sitting on top of a billion-dollar reserve of oil.

"SINCE THURSDAY"

The biggest kick I got out of interviews with people in Redwater was when I met a well-dressed young man of 12 years coming home from school one day last April. He politely told me his name, age and said he liked Redwater. When I asked him "How long have you lived in Redwater, son?" his laconic reply was: "Since Thursday."

CHANGING SCENE

And that's how quickly things change in Boom Town '49. Redwater is already bigger than Devon and each day brings new, fresh changes.

This is supposed to be an up-to-date report on Redwater. But I wonder how many changes have taken place since last Thursday.

If you're coming to Redwater—bring your own tent. Or better still—bring two and rent one.

Letters to the Editor

East End, Saak,
 Aug. 12, 1949.

The Editor,
 Community Publication,
 10815 82nd Avenue,
 Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear sir:

I appreciate the wonderful strides you have made in the publishing business, and congratulate you all. It is such a wonderful asset to different places to have their own papers.

Wishing you every success,

E. ZIEGLER

St. Croix City, La.
 Quebec

August 8, 1949.
 The Editor,
 La Biche Herald.

Dear Editor:

I find when I read the news from different localities in the La Biche Herald, it's like reading a letter from my folks at home, giving me all the news in a casual, gay way. I'm always so glad to get the La Biche Herald as it's the

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ALBERTA'S farmers of tomorrow will do a better job as a result of attending 31st annual Farm Young People's Conference at the Alberta University. Edwin Harbak, 16, of Edgerton, studies program for week following registration.



NIGHT AS WELL have a picture record of conference, 17-year-old Joyce Coley thinks as she winds more film into her trusty camera. Joyce is a high school student at Clyde, some 50 miles north of Edmonton.



PERHAPS Harry Mynzak, 16, of Desjarlais is a bit homesick at start of conference. Or maybe he's just tired out after a bus trip from country. At any rate he's taking it easy before starting classes that open today.



FOLKS BACK HOME like to know all about bustling activity of a city. Lorne Stian, 21, of Rockyford drops a line home from Athabasca Hall, where he is attending his second course. Lorne figures he learns a lot at these conferences.



MEALS FOR HUNGRY farmers are mighty important. Mrs. Mahale Jacobson of Warner brings up a bit before attending classes on home economics. Mother of a three-year-old boy.

Letters to the Editor

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best way to hear about all the folks. I knew so well, when I grew up there. I salute all my folks and friends there. Please notice change of address. Some day I expect to write and tell the folks how I like to live near our lovely capital city.

Yours sincerely,
MME. EMILIE HOULE.
Please address mail after September 1st, 1949, to:
80 Rue Nicolet,
Hull, Que.

New Westminster, B.C.,
August 1, 1949.

Dear Sirs:

For sometime we wanted to write and tell you how much we appreciate getting out home town paper. It is like a letter from home, only it gives us more news from the towns around our own home town.

Sometimes ago when some friends called and paid us a visit, they were telling us all the local changes. Much to their surprise we were able to tell them we already knew all the home town developments, as we were getting the local paper.

Keep up the good work, and keep the paper coming.

D. HUNT.

Glen Lake, Victoria, B.C.,
August 4th, 1949.

Dear Sir:

We are glad to hear that you have sent us a notice for our little Morinville Journal. We didn't know the exact date that it would come due. Last year we had the paper from a friend that paid for us. Thank you for letting us know. We appreciate the paper very much.

We appreciate our visitors from Alberta. We hope more people from Alberta will call and visit us when they are near Glen Lake. Sincerely,

MRS. J. ETHIER.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The editor wishes to thank the above for

Diamond Jubilee Wheat Returned to Canada

Canadian wheat which was shipped to Great Britain more than 50 years ago, has been returned to Canada for germination tests and possible display purposes. It formed part of an exhibit of various products grown throughout the British Empire, erected during the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria on the present site of the Admiralty Arch, in Whitehall, London. After the celebrations, component parts of this display were distributed to anyone interested in such souvenirs. Some of the Canadian wheat was secured by Mr. W. E. Nicholls, who now lives in Tottenham, North London. He placed it in a hock bottle 50 years ago, and recently called at Canada House with his treasure, thinking it might be of some use or possible interest.

Mr. Nicholls was tempted to dispose of his souvenir on several occasions, especially when taunted by his friends for keeping such a "useless and unglamorous ob-

ject," as it was called. With the caution of one who comes from a family of sixteen, he preserved this bottle of Canadian wheat. It was even salvaged from the ruins of his home, which suffered destruction during an air raid in January, 1942. Incidentally, it was one of the few things recovered from the wreckage.

Mr. Nicholls explained that he had to move to another part of London, where he was on ambulance duty during the war, and

was only recently able to rebuild his home and move in. His bottle of Canadian wheat was also returned, its sentimental value greatly enhanced.

Commenting on his experiences at the time of the Jubilee, Mr. Nicholls recalled that he sat on one of the lions in Trafalgar Square to watch the procession. He saw little however, because of the wooden stands that were erected along the route for the con-

venience of spectators who could pay for seats. Being only a boy of 13 in 1897, the son of a coal heaver, he said that he considered himself lucky if he was given a penny a week to spend. Continuing, Mr. Nicholls observed that anyone who believed those were "the good old days" was welcome to them. He had been unable to rent a seat from which to watch the Queen drive by.

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Education For Agriculture

Farming is an art and a science. It is also a profession. Just as the successful doctor, the lawyer or any professional man must continue to study during his whole career in order to keep up-to-date, so should the progressive farmer make use of all means at his disposal to keep abreast of progress in his special branch of farming.

Knowledge is Power. In farming perhaps more than in any other profession, knowledge is power. It spells success. The present-day farmer, if he is to farm successfully, must have some knowledge of the modern science of agriculture. But what is more important he must be able to put that knowledge into practice.

Agricultural Courses. To meet the educational needs of agricultural people, the Faculty of Agriculture and the Provincial Schools of Agriculture in the Prairie Provinces offer a wide variety of courses in Agriculture and Home Economics. No country in the world possesses better institutions and facilities for training and educating young people for work in the field of agriculture than does Western Canada. The following courses are offered: (1) The Degree Course in Agriculture or Home Economics. This course is for those young men and women who have the necessary University entrance requirements, and can devote 4 or 5 years to organized study. (2) The Diploma Course. This is a down-to-earth practical farming course for young men who intend to be farmers. It extends over two winter seasons. (3) Short Courses. A number of short courses are offered in many fields of agriculture (Dairying, Poultry, Live Stock, Field Crops, Home Economics for Homemakers, etc.). Most of these winter courses are of one or two weeks' duration. They are designed to meet the special needs and interests of farm men and women.

Plan now to attend one of these courses this fall or winter. Line Elevator Farm Service urges young farm people to accept this opportunity of fitting themselves for rural leadership in Western Canada. For further information write directly to your nearest provincial University or School of Agriculture.

Of the relatively few acres disturbed by exploration and drilling of wells.

Finally, the brief calls for an entirely new basis of compensation to farmers holding surface rights.

Largest single item in Ottawa's public debt—interest on our public debt—a cost to Canadian taxpayers this year of \$947,000 a

TOLL ROADS FOR ALBERTA?

Many Canadian provinces, as well as states, will watch with interest the experiment of Oklahoma in trying to build toll roads.

The Public Roads Administration of the United States has opposed toll roads, but many states are not able to finance primary and secondary road construction and at the same time build super-highways. For this reason, private financing is being sought for a state toll road between Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Private bankers would put up about two-thirds and a federal loan will be sought for the remainder.

Canadians who have experienced the toll bridge system in the province of Quebec would certainly vote against any toll system on nuisance grounds. Also, it certainly won't prove popular with tourists.

Yet when one considers the vast network of roads needed in Canada, the amount of taxation levied on everyone to construct and maintain them irrespective of their use of such roads, and the condition of some of our main roads — let alone secondary ones — the idea might have some merit. It could also be justified on the grounds of equity; let those who use the roads most mainly pay for them.

If Oklahoma succeeds in getting a federal loan, as seems probable, many other states will undoubtedly devise similar projects. It will be interesting to see public reaction.

Farm Delegation Seeks New Deal

Alberta farmers want a new deal in the way of surface rights compensation where all exploration and drilling is done on their lands.

A group of them told Hon. N. E. Tanner, acting premier, so recently.

Roy C. Marler, heading a surface oil rights committee from the Al-

berta Federation of Agriculture, discussed the question with Mr. Tanner for more than two hours.

Delegation presented a brief Mr. Tanner will place before the Alberta cabinet at an early date. Mr. Marler is chairman of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture.

Delegation produced official reports that revealed some farmers have received as little as \$15 per year in compensation for exploration and drilling on their farms.

Specifically the delegation asked the government to enlarge the arbitration board on surface rights compensation to three members with one member having had several years practical experience as a farmer.

At present there is only one man on the arbitration board.

Mr. Marler pointed out that only a man with farming experience can properly assess costs to a farmer involved in exploring and drilling.

Again, delegation urged that farmers have the right to sell their lands at prices commensurate with the market value of the day plus compensation for moving to new homes and becoming rehabilitated.

It is also suggested that losses from disturbances of drilling operations be fixed on a basis of the entire farm instead of at the value

Britain's \$3,600 Million For World Recovery

Details have just been published of gifts and loans made available by the United Kingdom to the world since the end of the war. Of a total value approximately \$3,600 million, \$1,600 million come under the heading of gifts, the biggest single contribution being that of \$620 million to UNRRA. Of \$1,940 million made available in the form of loans and recoverable aid, \$776 million has gone to the cost of supplying the German civil economy and \$400 million to France under the Anglo-French financial agreement. An additional \$246 million comes under the heading of drawing rights to June 30 of this year by Austria, France, Greece, Bizone and Turkey.

ALCHEMISTS' DREAM

The dream of the alchemists may have been made to come true. Modern science can now produce gold by artificial means. This was revealed recently by Sir John Cockcroft, Director of Britain's Atomic Research Establishment. He was speaking to delegates attending the Empire Mining and Metallurgy Congress held in London. He stressed that only small quantities can so far be made in this way. "We are often asked whether we can produce gold artificially. We can in fact do this. But since we have to start from platinum and the process is rather expensive we are not likely to pull the goldmines out of operation in the foreseeable future."

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Exhibits at Fairs

With a view to encouraging still more Canadians to visit the National Parks of Canada, an exhibit was shown by the National Parks Service at the recent Provincial Exhibition at Brandon, Manitoba. There will also be exhibits at the Pacific National Exhibition, Vancouver, B.C., the Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, and the Western Fair, London, Ontario. The exhibits feature maps, films and coloured transparencies depicting the scenery, wild life, and recreational facilities in the parks.

Visitors to the National Parks last year numbered 1,362,603, an increase of 118,023 over the previous year.

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ARGENTINE TREATY

The Argentine Government has announced that a commercial treaty has been signed with the authorities of Trisone Germany (British, U.S., and French Zones). Argentina will provide hides, wool, eggs, caseln, meat, lard, coarse grains and other products to the value of \$33.8 million. In return Germany will supply \$25 million worth of manufactured goods. Payment will be arranged in New York.

ARGENTINE BUTTER

The Argentine Government has cancelled its export monopoly on butter. Private traders will probably not be able to take advantage of this decision, as current stocks are low. No butter was exported during May, the latest month for which statistics are available.

PERUVIAN WHEAT

Arrangements have been made for Peru to obtain 30 thousand tons of wheat and flour from Australia. The value of the wheat is placed at \$4.42 million and will come out of the United Kingdom quota in Australia.

ELECTRIC TRACTORS

It is reported that three electric machine and tractor stations have started operations in Russia this spring. The electric tractor was adopted by installing an electric motor in the chassis of an ordinary tractor.

The machines receive current from high-voltage electric transmission lines, and a mobile transformer substation can be connected at any place to such a line in the field. It is claimed that such tractors can cultivate a section of 37 acres before it is necessary to move the transformer. Running costs are said to be much less than gasoline driven machines.

AUSTRALIAN WHEAT

A spokesman of the Australian Wheat Board announced that an agreement with the United Kingdom had been reached on wheat shipments from the 1948 crop. Exports of wheat from Australia to the United Kingdom itself, and other areas supplied by the British Ministry of Food, will total 60 million bushels in 1948. Of the 60 million bushels, 35 will be shipped as grain and the remainder as flour.

U.S. WHEAT

The United States Department of Agriculture has announced that marketing quotas will not be required, as was previously expected, for the 1950 crop but that acreage allotments will be used alone as a practical means of carrying out the price support program.

MEXICAN BACON

A Mexican meat packing plant

has started to import registered hogs from the United States to initiate an expansion in the hog industry. The imported animals of the breeds Duroc Jersey, Hampshire and Chester White will be sold at cost to interested breeders. The plant expects orders for 1,500 to 2,000 young sows and boars.

U.K. POULTRY

The Ministry of Agriculture in the United Kingdom has accepted the recommendation of the Poultry Advisory Committee to suspend the recruitment of new entrants into the Accredited and Probationer sections of the Poultry Stock Improvements Plan for 1949-50 season. This action is necessary because of the shortage of poultry technical staff for the proper supervision of the plan, and a need to impose a limit to the volume of feeding stuffs supplied to accredited breeders.

NEW MILKING MACHINE

Soviet scientists have produced a "three-beat" milking machine (squeezing - sucking - resting) which provides in each cycle a period for the restoration of blood circulation. In this way it initiates more nearly the sucking of the calf and is believed to be an improvement over the "two-beat" (squeezing - sucking) machine.

Council Commended On Purchase Of Fire Equipment

ROCKYFORD—Inspector J. H. Bedard of the Alberta Fire Marshall's office in Edmonton was a visitor to Rockyford last week. He showed a number of films having to do with fire losses and their prevention.

While in town he commented to a representative of the Rockyford Review on the wisdom of the local mayor and council in purchasing up-to-date fire fighting equipment.

The unit, purchased in 1947 from War Assets Corporation had been used by the R.C.A.F. at Macleod. It would ordinarily cost new \$2400 but the council got it for two-thirds of that amount—a savings of \$800.

The equipment, when taken to the scene of a fire can deliver a large volume of water at high speed. It has also been used to empty flooded basements and is ideal for flooding a skating rink.

It has a Ford V8 motor and centrifugal pump. Only one man has permitted use of the pump for fire, when the blacksmith shop caught fire one recent Sunday morning. Within five minutes of getting to the scene the fire was under control.

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Locomotive Handbook

Britain's Locomotive Manufacturers' Association has prepared a 404 page handbook in five languages which will act as a link between railwaymen all over the world. It has taken some years to compile and every nut, screw and bolt in a railway engine has been tabulated, shown on specially drawn diagrams and described in English, French, German, Spanish and Portuguese. It also includes a full dictionary. The purpose of the handbook is to attempt to collect information regarding locomotive building and make it available to the world, and to initiate a campaign for the standardization of terms. Britain's locomotive industry is at present booked up for two years with more than \$120 million worth of orders—30 per cent of them for overseas.

In addition to the boiler, check your heat distribution system too. Summer is the best time to replace worn out room heating units in preparation for healthful comfort next winter. Where comfort is lacking many times the trouble lies with antiquated heat outlets which have out-lived their usefulness.

Among the new developments for easy installation on steam or hot water systems are convector-radiators which occupy much less space in rooms than older equipment and provide dependable heat in gentle convected currents. Convector-radiators are enclosed in attractive metal cabinets which lend a note of distinction to modern rooms and may be painted to blend or contrast with the color scheme of adjoining walls. So make a redecorating job complete, don't overlook the heating units. In contrast to the old fashioned radiators, new units, such as the convector-radiators, become beauty assets in any room.

Third Canadian International Trade Fair, May 29th to June 9th, 1950

The third Canadian International Trade Fair is to be held in Toronto from May 29 to June 9, 1950. The exhibits are to be confined to the Coliseum and Automotive Buildings, as the Engineering and Electrical Building will not be available for the purpose.

Despite the handicaps of present-day abnormal and unsettled trading conditions, the first and second trade fairs organized by the Canadian government met with an encouraging measure of success. It is hoped that next year's trade fair will continue to receive the support of Canadian business and the trade associations that have assisted the Fair organizers during the past two years.

New Machine May Revolutionize Treatment of Brain Disorders

A machine which records visually the activity of the brain has been made by scientists of the Burden Neurological Institute at Bristol, England. It is a development of the electro-encephalograph and has 80 adjustable controls, some 200 valves and 24 cathode ray tubes. The electrodes are fitted to the patient's head and a picture of the brain is thrown on a screen where it can be studied by the doctors. It is believed this machine may revolutionize the present treatment of

Cabinet to Study Oil Brief

Request of Alberta farmers for increased compensation where oil surface rights are involved will be discussed by the Alberta cabinet after Premier Ernest Manning returns from vacation.

Acting Premier Hon. N. Tanner said yesterday brief presented to him recently by a surface rights committee of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture will be presented to the cabinet for full discussion.

Premier Manning is not expected to return from holidays for another 10 days.

Farmers who hold surface mineral rights only are seeking an entirely new basis of compensation for disturbances caused by exploration and drilling on their lands.

Cases were cited in which farmers received as little as \$15 in yearly rentals for well sites on their lands.

World Wheat Council Chooses Permanent Headquarters

London has been selected as the permanent home of the new International Wheat Council. This body recently concluded its first meeting in Washington, one of the main items on the agenda being to choose a site for world headquarters. The Council was set up in March under the terms of the International Wheat Agreement, concluded by representatives of 42 nations and coming into force on August 1. Its membership is composed at one or more delegates from each government ratifying the Agreement. It will hold meetings regularly twice yearly and at any other time which circumstances may necessitate.

Radar Aids Meteor Study

Important advances in the observational technique of meteor study have been made by combining radar observations with the photographic and visual work carried out previously.

A co-operative program in this field is being carried on by the Dominion Observatory of the Department of Mines and Resources, and the National Research Council.

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brain disorders. If installed in every hospital it will not be necessary for all people suspected of serious brain disorder to be referred to specialists for examination. One of the inventors is Harold Shipton, son-in-law of Prime Minister Attlee. He and Dr. Gray Walter, director of the Institute, are going to Paris soon to describe the machine to the International Congress of Electro-encephalography.

Writer Takes Readers to "Far Away Places"

Jack Bird has written especially for this newspaper the story of his 15,000-mile journey in search of knowledge and adventure. The first of a series of five articles appears in this issue.

Mild-mannered Jack Bird is the soldier-of-fortune type. He served with the U.S. Army in Hawaii and with the Canadian Army in the British Isles and Europe.

Although he loves the sea, he has never been a sailor. His ambition is to own a one-man sailing ship with auxiliary motor, in which to roam the Seven Seas at will.

Photographer, lecturer, farmer and writer, he lives in Brandon, Manitoba. He works efficiently, but without particular enthusiasm, so that he may later do the things he wishes to do with enthusiasm.

Flying around Central America, the West Indies and the northern coasts of South America is Jack's idea of the way to live properly. We envy him.

Vicariously, you may adventure with him as he details his impressions and experiences.—The Editor.

In Search of Adventure, Yet This Bird Said "No"

(This is the first of a series of five articles)

My blood quickened as I boarded a big Pan-American Airways clipper at Miami, last November.

The first time I was ever in the air, it was the beginning of a series of 30 flights that were to take me twice to South America and three times to the West Indies, a total of 15,000 miles before I was to return, eight weeks later, to my Manitoba home town.

Each year, for the past 25 years, I have tried to visit some part of the world I have not seen before. Often and often I did not get very far. Considering the length of time I have been at it, and how much I still have to see, I have, I feel, seen comparatively little. Nevertheless, in one way and another, I have managed, over the years, to cover 19 countries, 4 territories, and some 20 islands and island groups.

FLORIDA EVERGLADES
Ten minutes after I boarded the aircraft at Miami, and was comfortably seated, with a web strap buckled in place across my legs at

the hips, we were in the air, and soon I was having a wonderful view of the Florida everglades, a great sea of swamp and marshland, hundreds of square miles of absolute wilderness, covered largely with saw grass, which isn't grass at all, but a sedge.

When we were out over the ocean I could see the deep blue waters of the Gulf Stream sweeping through the Florida Straits at the rate of 65 miles in 24 hours (its greatest velocity is a little over four miles an hour). I could see all the shoals and depth quite clearly.

We followed the Florida Keys. They are a chain of more than 200 miles of sandy islands and reefs joined by a road built over a railroad that had been destroyed by a hurricane long ago.

Soon we passed Key West, and way off to the right were the Dry Tortugas, while the deep blue of the Gulf of Mexico blended so evenly with the sky that one could see no horizon at all.

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HAVANA, CUBA

Sixty minutes after leaving Miami we were circling over Havana, losing altitude fast and bumping a lot, and my ears were aching. Another five minutes and there was a soft touch, a lift, and we were on the ground and the motors cut off.

Havana is a city of 700,000, and like Honolulu the name means the sheltered, or fair haven. The main street of Havana, is very broad. Down the center is another street, perhaps 50 feet wide, being a raised pavement for pedestrians only. This long, raised, center street — within a street — has open work balustrades and laurel trees along its sides, while the pavement itself is a wonderful mosaic of colored stone tiles.

MISSED LITTLE

A Spanish-English-speaking guide took me all over Havana in his car one afternoon for \$10.00. I don't think we missed very much, for I saw the old city and the new, the beautiful and the ugly, the magnificent and the squalid. Robert Ripley reports Havana has flies nor mosquitoes. I found this quite true, although I never did learn why.

I have seen cemeteries in many places, but the most beautiful by far is the big one in La Habana. At the dead are not buried below the ground, the tombs are raised; many of them being beautiful and costly mausoleums.

My guide also took me to a distillery — one of those places where they make spirits in the back and you drink it in the front. You sit in chairs covered with goat skins. In the back part, chickens walked about the floor.

From this building we went down a narrow street with iron grill-work over each first-story window — most of the houses of Havana are constructed this way. My guide knocked on the door of one of the dwellings and shouted something in Spanish. I noticed the door, at the height of my head, had two holes the size of large nickels, half an inch apart, with brass grill work over the holes. Then I heard a clicking sound as the holes opened. A pair of eyes looked at us. When my companion again said something in Spanish, a bolt was drawn and the door opened.

HE DIDN'T SPEAK SPANISH

If I wondered at first what manner of place this could be with all the precautions, I did not wonder long, for as soon as we stepped inside I saw that the girls, most of them in their twenties and some in abbreviated costumes. I was ushered to a seat in a reception room at the end of a hall.

Five girls immediately sat down beside me. One asked would I have a drink. I said no. Another asked would I have a smoke. I said no. Another asked would I dance with her. Again I said no. They asked me some other questions, and I still said no. Then they looked at each other as if to say: "Well, what did he come here for anyway?" So I told them I was there because the guide had brought me and I didn't know where he was bringing me to. Whereupon all but one got up and left. After a short conversation, she, too, got up and left. Then my guide came out of another room and the door we had entered was unbolting and we both went out into the street.

The more I saw of the city the more I realized the truth of Havana's reputation as the place to go to have a good time, for it is a wide open city. The gambling casino is called the Monte Carlo of America.

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Of course, if you really expect to get jelly from those choke cherries, you never pick them right after a rain, for the rain dilutes the pectin in the fruit, making it harder than ever to jelly.

It is best to use your pressure saucepan for meats and vegetables since it does a more thorough job of sterilizing these than does the hot water pack. What's more if you have canned vegetables in the pressure-saucepan you don't need to boil them for ten minutes before tasting.

Fruits and tomatoes canned in the pressure-saucepan are apt to be mushy, since the high temperature sometimes breaks down the delicate tissues. However if you do want to do your peaches, pears or apricots this way, use the cold pack method and process at five pounds pressure for five minutes.

Have you your copy of "Home Canning of Fruits and Vegetables

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prepared by the Consumer Service, Dominion Dept. of Agriculture? This is a reprint of the popular bulletin published two years ago. This ABC book of canning deals with the selection of the fresh fruits or vegetables, through to the finished product. A processing time-table and methods of processing are included. The last three pages contain a quiz which answers such questions as to why last year's berries floated, or why the Hot Pack Method is used for all vegetables. Write for your copy to Ruth Whaley, district home economist,

9817 Jasper Ave., Edmonton. She will also answer any canning problems.

Operation Magnetic II

Scientists of the Dominion Observatory who were flown to the Arctic recently by the R.C.A.F. to continue studies of the movement of the Magnetic Pole, will take observations at one point on Prince of Wales Island almost at the North Magnetic Pole, and at 12 other stations in the central and western Arctic islands.

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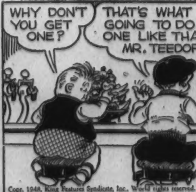
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